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Classified By: DCM William Grant for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (C) MFA protocol chief Georges Siam told DCM on November 23 that Lebanon's Annapolis delegation will be the Charge D'Affaires to the U.S., Antoine Chedid, and Charge d'Affairs to the UN, Nawaf Salam. This proposal, initially made by Acting FM Tareq Mitri, was recently confirmed by resigned yet still active FM Fawzi Salloukh. Obtaining Salloukh's approval was a step PM Fouad Siniora considered necessary although Salloukh is one of the ministers who submitted their resignations from Siniora's cabinet one year ago. There is a very slim chance that the GOL will seek to add a third delegate, a Shia, for confessional balance but we assess that as unlikely now.

12. (U) Bio information (reftel C) is as follows:

Principal: Ambassador Antoine Chedid (addressed as: Your Excellency)

Gender: Male

DOB: December 28, 1951 POB: Zahle, Lebanon

Visa status: Currently has Al visa expiring July 2, 2012

Lebanese passport no.: 1002007

Proposed Member 1: Ambassador Nawaf Salam (addressed as:

Your Excellency)
Gender: Male

DOB: December 15, 1953 POB: Beirut, Lebanon

Visa status: Currently has G1 visa expiring June 27, 2012

Lebanese passport no.: 892007

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